



# Urban and Community Forestry



## TREE PRUNING DIAGRAM

Avoid removing more than 1/3 of total branches at one time. Prune weak trees less.

Reduce multiple leaders to a single top. Remove narrow, V-shaped crotches.

Limited Pruning.  
Remove dead or broken branches.

Double Leader

Maintain a central leader or single stem for many tree species.

Begin to remove lower branches.

Avoid damage to trunk over entire life of tree.

Continue to remove lower branches to maximize clearance.

PLANTING

YR. 2-3

YR. 5-6

YR. 7-8

YR. 10

### PRUNE YOUNG TREES GRADUALLY